

Token for Mourners, (10)
OR
A sure Guide to Heaven.

AND
PREPARATION,

For your Latter-End.

With some Holy Resolutions
in preparing for Eternity.

Newly published to the Glory of GOD and
the Benefit of the POOR.

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good of all Christian Families.

Job. Chap. xix. V. 25. 26. *Sc.* For I know
that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall
stand at the latter Day upon the Earth. And
though after my Skin, Worms destroy this
body, yet in my Flesh shall I see God,
Whom I shall see for My-Self, and mine
eyes shall behold and not another.

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A Copy of Choice Verses.

Consider Reader as you look,
How suddenly the Soul was took,
Pray take warning by her Fall,
And be ready at Christ's Call.

Death little warning to me gave,
But quickly sent me to my Grave,
O haste to Christ, make no delay,
For no one knows his dying Day.

Death doth not always warning give,
Therefore be careful how you live,
Learn to Die, for Die you must,
And Die to live among the Just. [long]

When sickness comes the night you think
From watch to watch the Morning cometh
Before night comes make use of precious light
Before Death enters with his ghostly fight,

Repent in Time your Lives to end,
Death will come your Lives amend,
See that you all Times prepared be,
That sudden death surprize not thee, [more]

Adorn your Souls with Grace, prize wisdom
Than all the Pearls on the Indian Shore,
Think not to live still free from grief & sorrow



That Man that lives to day may die to morrow
 O cruel Death that did no warning give,
 To take my Husband, and leave me to grieve,
 In time my Tears I shall refrain,
 To think with Joy that we shall meet again,
 Therefore your precious time mispent redeem
 Each precious Day your Life esteem,
 Improve your talent with due Care,
 For the great Day your self prepare.
 God teach to live that you may dread,
 The Grave as little as your Bed;
 Die that your vile Bodies may,
 Be glorious at the last Day.
 O may you always ready stand,
 With your Lamps burning in your Hand,
 May you in Sight of Heaven rejoice,
 Whene'er you hear the Bridegroom's Voice,

Job Chap. xxx. Verse 13.

*I know thou wilt bring me to Dust, and to the
 House appointed for all Living.*

Every Day, spend some Thoughts about E-
 ternity; the Thoughts of Eternity should
 make you very serious about your Souls: Let us
 Time remember Eternity: Let us every Mi-

nute we have to live, so live as if we lived Everlasting Torments. O Man! whosoever thou art, think upon these Things; but thou especially who findest thy self Guilty of any grievous Sin, repent and amend: Remember Eternity and think upon the Day of Death; it is uncertain in what Place Death will expect thee, do thou therefore expect Death in every Place, as the Lord shall find thee when he calls for thee; thou lovest every Thing else in the World, y^e O Man! have a Care to keep thy Soul; be willing to part with All for Christ, to lay down your Life for Christ, to lose all to save your Soul, and gain Eternity. Many of you rise up early, and go late to Bed at Night, and eateth the Bread of Sorrow all the Day, and loadeth your self with thick Clay; and I am sure that such Persons, being Night and Day taken up with the World, are not prepared for Death, I remember a Word recorded of a wicked Man who was exceeding rich; said he I would give so many Thousands of Pounds if Death would but give me one Day longer, yet he got it not; and how suddenly may Death surprize many of you as he did him therefore prepare for Death. An admirable young Child of about five Years of Age said to his Mother, when his Father was dead being often Grieving for the Loss of her Husband Grieve not Mother, tho' my Father be dead, y^e

God is alive? and from that Day to the Day of
 her Death, she never grieved more. My Advice
 and Counsel unto young Persons is this: That
 you will pray to God, and God will hear you;
 for I love them that love me, and they that seek
 me early shall find me; if you have regard to
 your own eternal Happiness, it ought to be your
 chiefest Care to serve and Glorifie God; it was
 for this End that God both made and redeemed
 you; do but consider how welcome a young
 Person is to God; it was to young *Samuel* that
 God revealed himself, and that at such a Time
 when the Word of God was precious and very
 rare, and you know that St. *John* the youngest
 of all the Disciples, was the only Person of all
 the Twelve who was suffered to lean on our Sa-
 viour's Bosom. Pray think if you can, how un-
 conceivable a Joy it will be to you, when in your
 elder Years, you can think of your Youth; how
 great a Consolation will it be to you on your
 Death-bed, how easy will it render your Ac-
 counts at the great Day of Judgment! and how
 much a whole Life spent in God's Service, will
 increase your Glory in Heaven! I can but coun-
 sel you and I shou'd; therefore be wise in Time
 that you be not miserable to all Eternity; Pray
 unto God and the Lord will answer: I will
 guide you continually, and satisfy your Souls,
 and make fat your Bones, and you shall be like

a Watered Garden, and God will make the Habitation of your Righteousness prosperous? if ye know these Things, happy are ye if ye do them and the Glory of the Lord shall be your reward, I wou'd (under God) be a Means to help you to find your Feet, and walk in the Ways of God's Commandments, and run the Race that is set before you.

The whole Design and Aim of this Discourse is to warm the Heart and enrich the Conscience and direct the Life to teach Men how to live and to die, and how to attain a blisful Life after death.

Remember that many go to Bed and never rise again, till they are awakened by the fearful Sound of the last Trumpet; but he that sleepeth and awaketh with Prayer, sleepeth and awaketh with Christ. You know not what hour Christ may come and call you out of the World; be ye therefore always ready, for Heaven is always ready to receive you. What happens to any Man, may happen to every Man, every Man being surrounded with some Measures of Mortality; 'tis true indeed, that you may live till you are old, but it's as true that you may die whilst you are Young. Oh Death! saith the Son of a gracious Woman acceptable is thy Sentence to the Needy, and to him that is vexed with all Things; the Troubles of Life hath made thee

better in Soul, to long for Death, to rejoyce exceedingly when they have found thee and grave. Consider your Bodies from whence they came, and consider your Souls, whither they are going. Dare you enter into your Beds and sleep securely any one Night, not thinking how you may awake, whether in Heaven or Hell?

DO all you can for God, and God will be with you. Behold I am with thee said he to Jacob, and I'll keep thee whither thou goest; for I will not leave thee untill I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.

Therefore pray to God, and turn from your wicked Ways, then he will forgive your Sins, and heal your Land. Do you think with your selves what a sad thing it is to miss of Christ; Certainly that Man's or Woman's Condition must needs be sad indeed that lives and dies without Jesus Christ.

Now if it seem Evil to any of you to pray to God, chuse you this Day whom you will serve. As for me and my House we will serve the Lord. So he made a Covenant with the People that day, and all the People said unto Joshua, the Lord our God will we serve, and his Voice will we obey.

Pray unto God that this may be in you, that at the great Day when you and I shall appear

before God, that we may be all able to say
Here am I, and the Children which thou hast
given me.

A P R A Y E R.

O My Soul, wait thou still upon my God
for my Hope is in him; he is my Strength
and my Salvation; he is my Defence, so that I
shall not fail. O Lord God be merciful unto e-
very one that prepares his whole Heart to seek
thee. O Lord God, the God of his Fathers thou
he be not according to the Purification of the
Sanctuary. O Lord, I will walk in the midst of
Trouble: I beseech thee refresh me. Stretch
forth thy Hand upon the Fury and Cunning of
mine Enemies, that thy right Hand may save
me. O make good thy Loving Kindness toward
me, and despise not, I beseech thee, the Work
of thy own Hands. *Amen.*

And now to Conclude, let us all therefore, so
Live, and so spend our short Time here on
Earth, that so in the glorious Morning of the
Resurrection, when the last Trumpet Sounds,
we may rise to the Resurrection of Life & Tri-
umph, and rejoice among glorious Angels, to
all Eternity, which the Lord of his Mercy grant
Amen.

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